foodgrains and edible oils made by Government of Orissa and allocations made to them from April, 1992 to July, 1992 are given in the Statement attached. [*See* below]. No regular allocations of imported edible oil have been made to States/UTs, including Orissa. The allocation made for March and April, 1992 were revalidated in June, 92 and against this revalidation, the State Government has lifted neary 2000 MTs in June, 92.

Allocation of levy sugar to Orissa Government including 5 per cent *ad-hoc* increase is of the order of 13013 tonnes. Besides, festival quota of 3730 tonnes of sugar has been made to the State Government for the ensuing festival season.

Quantities of allocation of kerosene also depends on availability of stocks. Demands are received from States/UTs for enhancement of quota off and on. The allocation of kerosene to Government of Orissa since April, 1992 is as under:

Month	Allocation (in tonnes)
April, 92 . .	12956
May, 92 . .	12956
June, 92 . .	12956
July, 92 . .	12956

Statement

Demand and allocation to Government of Orissa of foodgrains and imported edible oil

(in tonnes)

Month	Demand			Allocation		
	Rice	Wheat	Imported Edible Oil	Rice	Wheat	Imported Edible Oil
April, 92	30,000	35,000	*	25,000	25,000	1000
May, 92	35,000	35,000	*	25,000	20,000	Nil
June, 92	35,000	35,000	*	38,750	20,000	Nil
July, 92	35,000	35,000	*	38,750	20,000	Nil

*Government of Orissa has requested for allotment of 5000 tonnes per month of imported edible oil till the open market prices come down to a reasonable level.

Reduction in quantity of rice in Tamil Nadu

4636. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reduction of rice from 20 kilos per month to 15 kgs per card in Tamil Nadu, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) whether the price of rice has been considerably increased;

(c) whether there has been a huge number of Bogus Ration Cards in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the sugar price has been increased in public distribution system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a)

Tamil Nadu Government has reported that each family card holder is entitled to a maximum of 12 kg of rice through the Public Distribution System (PDS). The consumers were given an optional quantity of 8 kg of raw rice per card per month from November, 1990 till February, 1992 due to availability of adequate stocks.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Tamil Nadu Government has reported effective steps hove been taken to eliminate bogus units/cards.

(d) End Retail Prices of levy sugar under the PDS was revised to Rs. 6.90 per kg with effect from 21-1-1992. Tamil Nadu Government has reported that there has been no further increase in levy sugar prices under the PDS.

Persons/Middle Level Functionaries sent Abroad for Training

4637. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of general category and SC|ST persons|middle level functionaries sent for training abroad by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries during the last three years, subsidiary-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that no SC/ST candidates have been sent from E-4/E-5 category for the last 10-15 years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken that SC/ST candidates from the above categories are provided training opportunities abroad under Colombo Plan by providing suitable age-relaxation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price firing on the miners of Western Coalfields Limited

4638. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police opened fire on the coal miners of Western Coalfields Limited near Nagpur when they gheraoed the area Manager of the coalfields;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a mine accident led to the death of a miner which prompted the miners to protest against the alleged irregularities in that case;

(c) what are the alleged irregularities in the case leading to the death and accident; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the accident as well as the firing and if so, by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and)b) On 20-7-92 one worker of Rajpur Colliery was fatally injured in an accident due to side fall. Persons from Rajpur Colliery and nearby colony gathered near the colliery and began agitating against the management. Later about 700 to 800 persons including outsiders and miscreants moved to the residence of the Sub-Area Manager and some of them forcibly entered the residence in a violent and aggressive mood. After lathi charge failed to control the situation, the police fired in the air and later opened fire against the agitators.

(c) and (d) The statutory enquiry into the accident is being conducted by the Directorate General of Mines Safety. The exact cause of the accident will be known only after the statutory enquiry by DGMS is complete. Government of Maharashtra has instituted a magisterial enquiry into the firing. The reports of the enquiry are expected to be available soon.